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Applicant: KISHIMOTO et al.
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This communication is responsive to a final Office Action dated September 10, 2002, concerning the above-reference patent application. Applicants timely filed a Notice of Appeal on March 10, 2003. Thus, the period of response has been extended up to July 10, 2003, with a two-month extension of time and the filing of appropriate fees.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 15 and 24-28 are pending in the above-captioned application. Claims 15 and 24-29 stand rejected in the Office Action dated September 10, 2002